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Dear Sirs:

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<u>U.S. Patent Number</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Class/ Subclass</u>
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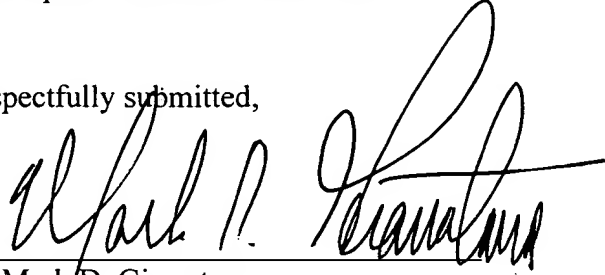
It is respectfully requested the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

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